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1. (Presently Amended) A computer display comprising:
 - a LCD housing made in a single piece from a single light transmissive material, said material having the same light transmissive characteristics throughout, wherein the LCD housing provides structural support for handling by a user;
 - a light source coupled to the LCD housing;
 - a LCD coupled directly to the LCD housing;
 - a reflective coating on at least a portion of a surface of the LCD housing, wherein light is reflected by said reflective coating; and
 - wherein the LCD housing functions as a light pipe for conducting light from the light source directly to the LCD and protects the LCD.

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